

Amendments to the Specification

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Fig. 3 shows the steps involved in the procedure for four terminals 22a-22d to join a conference in turn.

The message flows are shown as horizontal lines between the terminals 22a-22d, gatekeeper 32, multipoint controller (MC) 34 and multipoint processor (MP) 36, each of which is represented by a heavy vertical line. The message flows occur in time sequence down the figure.

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The four terminals are participating in a main conference which employs a number of different media, as described above. Therefore multipoint processor (MP) 36 is involved in four two-way media streams 49. The user at terminal 22a sends a request 50 to multipoint controller 34 to invoke a subconference with terminals 22b and 22c.

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The multipoint controller (MC) 34 notifies terminals 22b and 22c of the request 50 from terminal 22a by means of a request alert 52. Terminals 22b and 22c confirm or reject their participation by means of participation confirm messages 54. The multipoint controller 34 then generates a subconference instruct message 56 to the multipoint processor 36, based on the criteria specified in the subconference request 50 and the participation confirm responses 54 of terminals 22b, 22c.

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Fig. 5A shows a generic display 60 indicating to a user 62h the identities 62a-62g of other main conference participants, such as might be displayed on a multimedia terminal 22 20 of a conference participant. For each user 62a-62h, the type of terminal employed (telephone handset or multimedia) is identified by the icon representing the user.

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